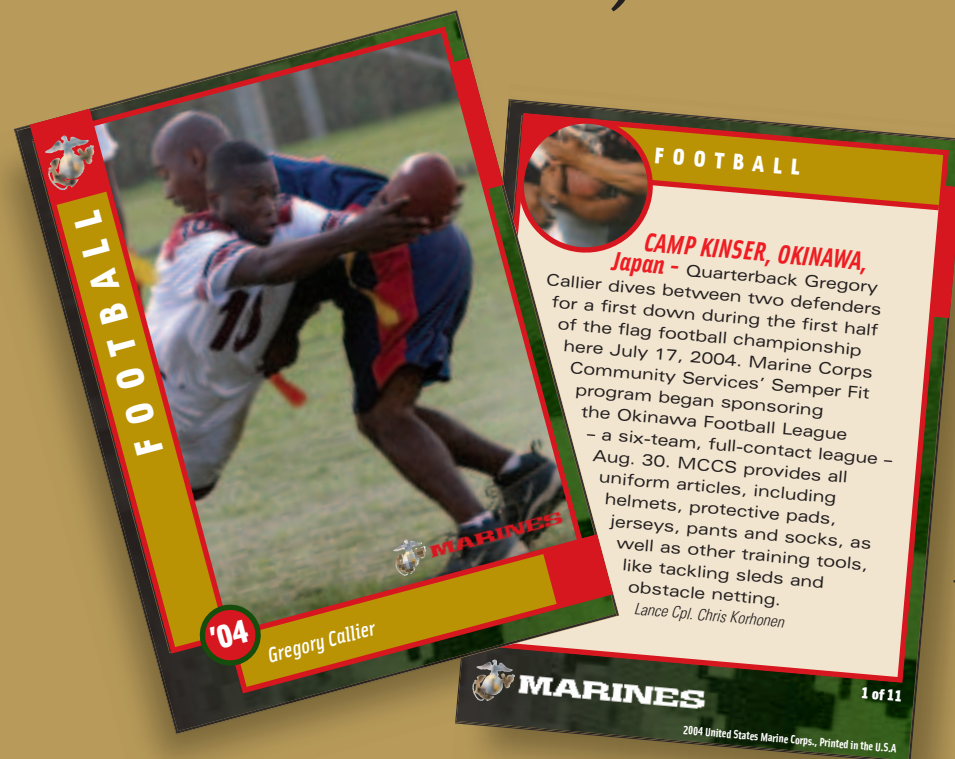


# MARINES FOOTBALL, SOCCER, RUGBY



**▼ WASHINGTON** – Second-year linebacker Alison Watkins of the D.C. Divas, congratulates a teammate after the Divas scored a touchdown in their win against the Southwest Michigan Jaguars, July 10, 2004. Watkins, a security chief at Brig Co., Security Bn., MCB Quantico, Va., and the rest of the Divas finished their regular season undefeated. The National Women's Football Association began in 2000 and has 34 teams.

*Photo by Sgt. Salju Thomas*

## Runnin' & Gunnin'

**I**N AND ON THE FIELD, MARINES gather on the global gridiron to compete against athletes and local populations, from Afghanistan and Iraq to Haiti and beyond. They feel right at home on the field of play, especially when stuffing the run or bending a corner kick.

Stick a football in a Marine's hands instead of a rifle and you're still going to get pummeled. And bruised egos sometimes take a lot longer to heal than bruised muscles. Just ask Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. After losing 14-13 to Camp Pendleton in their annual match up they are already thinking about next year and the hopes of gaining the much coveted bragging rights.

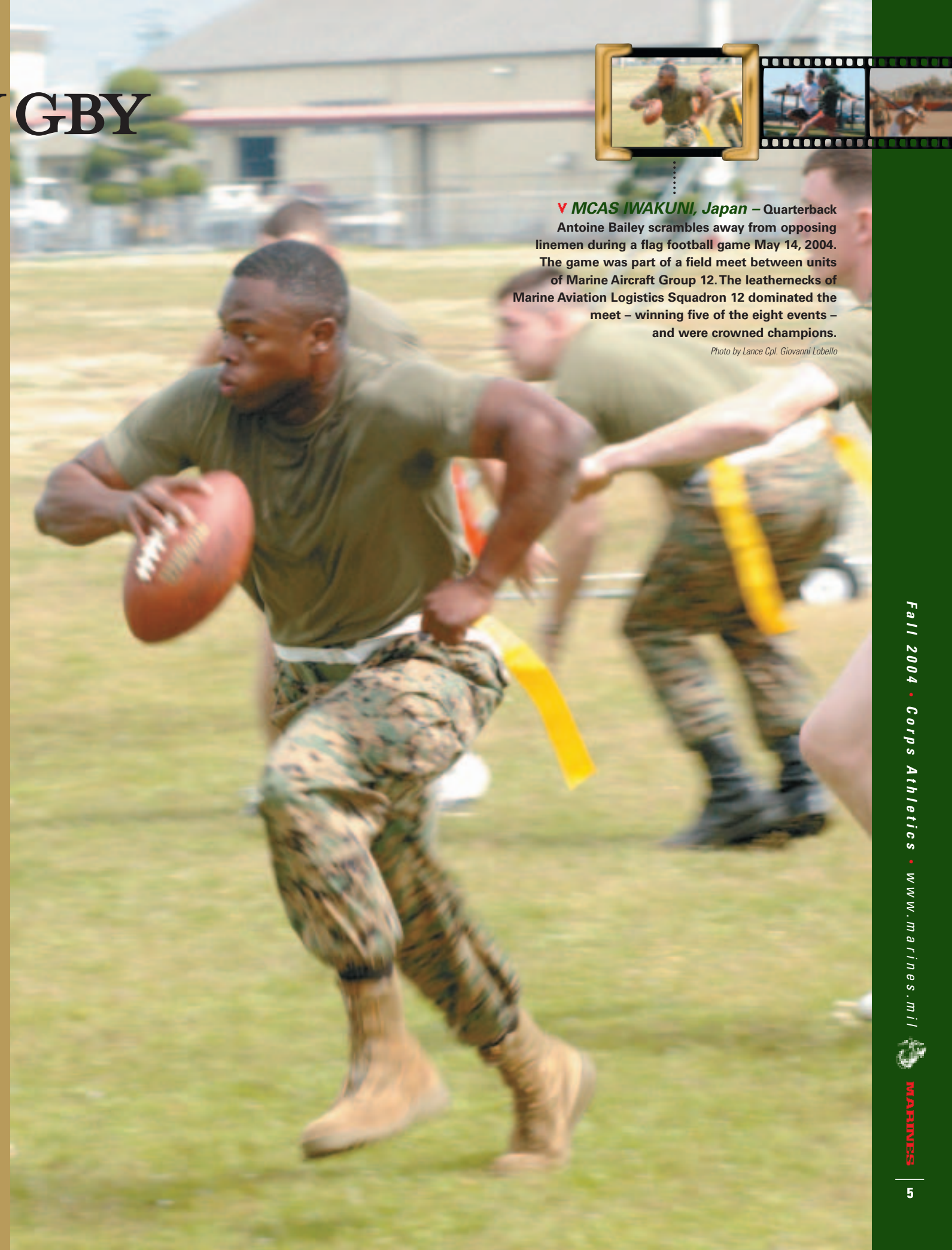
On the soccer and rugby fields around the world, Marines dazzled their opponents with fancy footwork and rugged moves. The Navy/Marine Corps female soccer team placed third in the 2004 Armed Forces Championship, while Quantico's rugby team, the



Hooligans, distinguished themselves with a 3-1 record to take home the 23rd Annual Washington Irish Saint Patrick's Day Tournament. **M**

**▼ MCAS IWAKUNI, Japan** – Quarterback Antoine Bailey scrambles away from opposing linemen during a flag football game May 14, 2004. The game was part of a field meet between units of Marine Aircraft Group 12. The leathernecks of Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 12 dominated the meet – winning five of the eight events – and were crowned champions.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. Giovanni Lobello*







RUGBY

'04

Trent Marrow



RUGBY


**MCB CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.** – Trent Marrow, a member of the All-Marine Rugby Team and the Cherry Point Varsity Rugby Club, was selected to play for United States Combined Services Men's Rugby Team during a European tournament June 3-18, 2004. Marrow's duties prevented him from accepting the invitation that would have allowed him to play against five European national combined service rugby teams.

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**MCB HAWAII, KENEHOE BAY** – Hawaii Harlequin's player, "Armani" passes the ball before hitting the pitch in a maul during a rugby game between the Marines and players from Hawaii Pacific University at Pop Warner Field Feb. 21, 2004. Armani's passing was a key element in the Marine's victory.

*Photo by Rich Mattingly*



**FOOTBALL, SOCCER & RUGBY STATS:**

**158** – The record for the longest soccer throw-in

**8** – The number of laced stitches on the top of the football

**13** – Weight in ounces of a Rugby ball

**206-31** – Total number of points by which the Quantico Rugby Football Club has outscored its opponents so far this season. Currently, the undefeated Hooligans sit atop the Potomac Rugby Football Union Men's Club Division III with a 5-0 record.



SOCCER

'04

Pfc. Andrea Muir



SOCCER


**OKINAWA, Japan** – Andrea Muir, a warehouse clerk with Camp Kinser's 3rd Materiel Readiness Bn., hopes that playing on her battalion's men's team will enhance her skills as she prepares for next year's Armed Forces Women's Soccer Tournament. A native of Manchester, Jamaica, Muir hopes to eventually pursue a career as a professional soccer player.

*Photo by Staff Sgt. Mikey Niman*

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**MCAS MIRAMAR, Calif.** – Diego Diaz and Ben Ganey battle for the ball during varsity soccer tryouts at Mills Park Feb. 5, 2004. Tryouts consist of warm-ups, practice drills and scrimmages between players. Marine Corps Community Services hosts a six-on-six soccer league here and sponsors a base team that competes in the local community, said coach Lee E. Friedman.

*Photo by Lance Cpl. John Sayas*

